

AGENDA ITEM

US FOREST SERVICE COST/SHARE SUMMARY Supplement No. 14 Lolo National Forest

November 3, 2006

RIGHT-OF-WAY-APPLICATION FILE NO. 13949

I. **Applicant:**

USDA-Forest Service
Region 1
3550-Mullan Rd
Missoula MT 59808

II. **Purpose of Reciprocal Cost-Share Agreement:**

State land is intermingled with private and the US Forest Service lands administered by the Lolo National Forest. In order for both the State of Montana and the US Forest Service to gain legal access, it is necessary to exchange easements as provided by the Master Cost/Share Agreement with the US Forest Service.

III. **Legal Description:**

The State of Montana and the US Forest Service in the following described lands will exchange standard Cost/Share easements: Sections 10, 15, 21 and 22, Township 19 North, Range 26 West P.M.M.

IV. **General Information:**

Tributary area, right of way area, and miles of road are shown and itemized in Fact Sheet Exhibits 1, 3, 4 and 5 and are summarized as follows:

	State Share	USFS Share	Total
Tributary Area:	363 Acres	6,697 Acres	7,060 Acres
Right of Way Area:	10.47 Acres	32.16 Acres	42.63 Acres
Miles of Road:	1.44 Miles	2.55 Miles	3.99 Miles

Land Office: NWLO
Unit Office: Plains
County: Sanders
Beneficiary: Public Buildings
Lessee Agreement: N/A
Land Classification: Forest

V. Costs to be Borne by Each Party:

Excess costs, by land value and road costs, were determined by using the West Side Fee Schedule for Land Values and Construction Cost Estimate for Road Values. Exhibits 2-A and 2-B itemize the land values and road costs, which are summarized as follows:

	EXCESS COSTS	
	Government Owes State	State Owes Government
Land Value	\$ 0.00	\$ 15.00
Road Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,095.00
Total Value/Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,110.00
Amount Owed*	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,110.00

***Upon approval by the Land Board and exchange of deeds, the State of Montana agrees to pay \$5,110.00 as provided by and in accordance with the Montana Master Cost/Share Agreement with the US Forest Service.**

VI. Results of MEPA Analysis:

Larry Ballantyne, the Unit Resource Program Manager for the Plains Unit of the Northwestern Land Office prepared the final decision for the Environmental Assessment for the project including roads (MEPA). Stephen Frye, Area Operations Manager on the Northwestern Land Office, approved the Categorical Exclusion (MEPA). The USFS Categorical Exclusion for the project was prepared and approved by the Forest Supervisor (Deborah L. R. Austin) for the US Forest Service (NEPA).

VII. Benefits to State:

1. The easements obtained provide permanent access to State Trust Lands located in Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 26 West, P.M.M., Sanders County, Montana.
2. The main US Forest Service Road covered by this supplement is maintained as an "open road" which allows for motorized public access to both State and Federal land (Combest Creek Road #508).
3. The completion of a Cost/Share project allows for the State to replace existing USFS FRTA easements with USFS Cost/Share easements whereby we gain access controlled by the USFS across private ownerships. Further, the State is able to partially recover reconstruction costs as part of a timber sale thereby reducing the cost of easement acquisition.
4. The easements provide permanent access to a known gravel source to meet State needs or additional revenue sources to the trust beneficiary

VIII. Recommendation/Action:

After review of the documents, deed, easement, exhibits, and benefits to the State, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation recommends approval of the Combest Cost Share Supplement No. 14 with the US Forest Service.



State of Montana
ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSTRUCTION AND USE
AGREEMENT AREA
SUPPLEMENT NO. 14
COMBEST CREEK

Forest Service, State of Montana Department
of Natural Resources and Conservation
U.S.D.A. - Forest Service - Region One
LOLO NATIONAL FOREST
Pillager/Thompson Falls Ranger District
Sanders County, Montana
Principal Meridian, Montana

LEGEND

- Supplement Boundary
- Tributary Area Boundary
- Tributary Area Number
- Rights-of-Way Granted
- Road Number
- Terminus of Road Segment
- Subdivision Lines

NFSL National Forest System Lands
STATE State of Montana
PCT Pillager Creek Timberlands, L.P.
SP Small Private
SLC Simson Lumber Company

Based on USGS Quad (1982): Pillager,
Paradise, Keystone Peak, Quinns Hot Springs
RW Width: STATE: 50 ft, each side of centerline
PCT: 50 ft, each side of centerline
SP: 30 ft each side of centerline

RW Area: STATE: 1,500 acres
PCT: 1,500 acres
SP: 1,500 acres

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Checked by *TLG* Date *1/13/05*
Checked by *Landall* Date *1/16/05*

